

Martlet celebrates its

50th edition!

1990 – 2009



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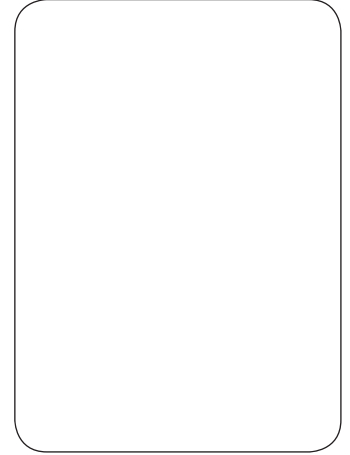
David Smith



John King



Ray Hubbard



Roger Streeten

Martlet celebrates its 50th edition with this publication. As John King points out, the first newsletter went out in 1970 but Martlet began in 1990.

Dotted throughout this magazine are snippets from the first editions and it is interesting to see how some things have changed - and some things haven't - over the 20 years. An amusing article, for example, is a plea (which was responded to) for someone to give the office a computer. We now live in a world almost overrun with computers, email, websites and data bases. Janet Scott and Viv Wood, our earlier secretaries, had much more limited means of communication than our present office guru, Shalaka Karlekar, but it has not necessarily meant a reduction in work load - probably the reverse.

Despite the ever-present topics and thorny issues such as membership and subscriptions, things move on: for instance, in 1990 the St Bees Association was formed though sadly it had to be formally wound up this year as it has become so difficult for the remaining few members to get to meetings. Also the former OM Council has been replaced with a more proactive Management Committee.

As can also be seen from the reproduced front pages on the cover page, the first editions were printed only in brown and white and it was sometime before the advent of full colour throughout.

Many thanks and congratulations to all those involved with the first news letter and then Martlet, particularly editors David Smith, John King, Ray Hubbard and our designer, Roger Streeten.

The future of the Club we believe is vibrant and exciting and Martlet continues to play a key role in promulgating information and news, and helping Old Millhillians to keep in touch. Most importantly it helps us spread the word on various initiatives as well as reporting on traditional activities such as sport. The Club still pursues its main objective of encouraging social interaction among club members as well as supporting the School in an increasingly challenging economic and political environment.

Here's to the next 50 editions - and enjoy the snippets from the early editions.

TIM CORBETT

NEW COMPUTER

Thanks to recently rejoined member, David Richè (52-56), the Club is now the proud owner of a Schneider computer.

Modestly he says that this is to make up for the twenty years lapsed subscriptions, but on behalf of the whole Club may we publicly thank him for this very generous gift.

Perhaps those that we have to regularly chase for payment should take note!

COMPUTER

The Club is still looking for a computer. We will have to go out and buy one in the next couple of months unless anyone knows of a redundant machine in their company that the Club could beneficially buy?

The machine we required needs to be IBM compatible, and with a hard disk.



We were given details of one source of second hand computers, but unfortunately it was in Canada!

Martlet!

Martlet The First 50 Issues and Before

The first Old Millhillians Club newsletter that I can find was prepared by David Smith, the then Club Honorary Secretary, in November 1979. Judging by the opening paragraph, this was probably the first newsletter sent out to members.

As David wrote in that first issue: *"The main idea is not to tell you what you will read in the Magazine but rather to let you know about all sorts of news items that come our way and which might not merit a more permanent form of report"*.

This four page single-sided document was first prepared on stencils and then cranked out by David and Iris Carter, the Assistant Secretary, on a Gestetner duplicating machine in chocolate coloured ink and the pages then stapled together. This was, as I found out later a messy, time consuming and exhausting process not helped by frequent paper jams. By the end of the process they were both covered in ink and standing amongst heaps of paper.

The first leap forward came with Issue 10 in November 1982 when, still under the auspices of David and Iris, the Gestetner was replaced by a photocopier. More progress was made with Issue 16 in September 1984 when Gowen Bewsher joined the team to arrange for the newsletter to be typeset in blocks and printed on both sides on an A3 folded sheet. Gowen Bewsher continued to edit the Newsletter until Issue 23 in March 1987. This issue was six sided, but still retained the chocolate ink. It was at about this same time that Roddy Braithwaite became Honorary Secretary and Janet Scott became Assistant Secretary. One of Roddy's first actions was to ask David and Iris to continue assembling the information for the newsletter, which resulted in a seven page issue in September 1987. I am not sure why, but the format reverted to seven photocopied pages stapled together and with no issue number. Three more issues continued under this leadership until the untimely death of David Smith.

The next two issues in March and September 1989 were produced by Roddy and Janet and began to include some graphics. I cannot be certain but, judging by the paper and print quality, it looks as if they had reverted to the Gestetner!

In chronicling the history of Martlet, I fear that I must now make a small diversion. In 1988 Chris Davies produced the first two issues of the Old Millhillian Sports Club Newsletter which reported on the fortunes of the OM Rugby and Cricket Clubs. As Honorary Secretary of the Rugby Club I took over this publication and produced Issue 3 in February 1989 and rebranded it as Headstone Lane News. This was the first Desk Top Published issue of any newsletter produced by the OMs but, if memory serves me correctly, it was also printed on the Gestetner. Further issues followed which were distributed with either the OM Newsletter or the MHS Magazine.

In late 1989 I was headhunted from the Rugby Club to become Honorary Secretary of the OM Club. Discussions followed in the Council Executive (the forerunner of the Management Committee) which resulted in the decision to professionally print both the OM Newsletter and Headstone Lane News. I wanted to rebrand the OM Newsletter and came up with the name of Martlet, which met with universal approval. The original aim of Martlet was to be forward looking towards future events and to relate topical news. The Old Millhillians Column in the School Magazine was to be used to report of past events and produce a permanent record of Club activities.

The first issue of Martlet was published in spring 1990 and was 8 pages, printed in brown ink and contained a few illustrations.

I quote from my Editorial: *"With a new Editor you also get a new name for the newsletter and a modern image. In my dictionary "Martlet" is defined as a "swift heraldic footless bird". "Swift" to bring up to the minute news, "footless" so as not to get stuck in the mud, and "bird" to wing the news to our members in the four corners of the world. I hope that you like it"*.



Issue 2 was a 12 page bumper edition. I also contained a "Fledglings" section for Young OMs edited by Alexia Roe, the AGM Notice and the Club Accounts. Issues continued on a similar pattern until Autumn 1992, when a new banner heading was produced. By then photographs had begun to appear and there was even the occasional advert to help pay the cost!



I must digress again as, at the same time, I continued to edit Headstone Lane News. Some time later David Kelly started to produce "Down Your Lane", a scandalous publication highlighting events at Headstone Lane rather in the style of Private Eye. This was incorporated into Headstone Lane News in July 1991 and by the end of the year I had slipped David the hospital pass to fully take over Headstone Lane News completely. Headstone Lane News and Down Your Lane continued under David's leadership in several incarnations until October 2001, when Sports Club reports were incorporated into Martlet.

In 1994 it was decided that the job of Honorary Secretary and also producing and editing both Martlet and the OMs Column in the School Magazine were too much for one person. This led to Ronnie Aye Maung being recruited as Honorary Secretary and my moving over to run Publications and become Deputy Chairman. 1994 also saw the next major change with Issue 9. Interestingly, up until this date the issues had not been numbered. The ink was changed to 2 colour black and blue to enhance the proliferation of photographs and the issue was 16 pages. There was some problem with the School Magazine that year, which led to a very long delay in publication. As a result this issue of Martlet also contained a biography of the new President and a number of obituaries.

Issue 22 in August 1998 saw a further rebranding with a vertical Martlet banner, new typefaces and many more photographs, but still in two colour black and blue. It was at about this time that I asked the Executive whether we could go to full colour. However, it was decided that this could not be afforded – my one regret in a long association with Martlet – it would have looked so much better.



I continued to edit and produce Martlet in much the same format until Issue 32 in November 2001 when, out of the blue, Roger Streeten volunteered to Ronnie Aye Maung that he would like to produce Martlet. Roger was asked to take over the production and was allowed to use full colour, which he has continued to do until this day, but he does not obtain and edit the content. This part of the job first fell to Ronnie Aye Maung and has more recently been done by Ray Hubbard.

Having been asked by Tim Corbett to write about how Martlet started, it would appear that I may be the only member who has a complete set of Martlets. I am now passing these over to the Club for safe keeping and so that future generations can use them for reference. It would be nice to think that the Club can afford to have then bound into volumes in much the same way as was done in the past for School Magazines.

I look forward to reading the next 50 issues.

JOHN KING Martlet Founder & First Editor

50 ISSUES LATER WE MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING RIGHT !

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN



IN 1896, OUR PRESIDENT, LORD WINTERSTOKE, was presented with a gold medallion bearing the School Crest in enamel and the legend “Pro summa fide summus amor”. These words, copied from the Loggia del Consiglio in Verona, might be translated colloquially as “Great service requires complete devotion”.

In 1924, a chain of silver gilt was made to which the medallion was attached. The design of the links of this chain was copied from a 16th century Flemish girdle. Later, the chain was extended and now contains 138 links.

On the reverse of the links are engraved the names of all the Presidents beginning with Henry Spicer who was elected in 1879. At present 124 links have been engraved.

Most Presidents hold office for one year only. Richard Buckland held office for 6 years during World War 1 and Wallace Young and F.N.Hepworth shared 8 years during World War 2. Lord Winterstoke (1896-8) and A.J.Lethem (1935-7) each held office for 2 years. Remarkably, Nathaniel Micklem, who became President at the age of 30 in 1883 and held office for 2 years, was re-elected for a third term over 40 years later at the age of 75 in 1928, our 50th anniversary year.

Mathematicians will spot the discrepancy between the number of engraved links (124) and the age of the Club (131 years). This is explained by the fact that no President was elected in 1878 and the World War 2 Presidents only have one link each.

The Chain and Medallion will be worn by the President at many functions during his Presidential year. Alternatively, when modesty or security requires, he may wear the Medallion with a chocolate and white ribbon.

ALAN TOULSON





Sarah Toulson, Past President's wife and daughter of the Centenary President, Stanley Farrow

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In addition to the high profile events reported in this or previous editions of Martlet, I enjoyed many less formal meetings.

As Stewart Wernham's guest, I attended a delightful cricket lunch, with jazz accompaniment, and felt good vibes over the success of the merger with Totteridge.

I visited Alford House, where Nigel Baker and Club Manager, Tim Saunders, briefed me on the Club's activities and plans for refurbishment. The success of this youth club in Lambeth and our long-term association with it are proper sources of great pride.

I attended a dinner of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers as Alan Woollaston's guest. Alan has created the tradition of inviting the President each year to one of their Court dinners.

Frequently, I attended the First Tuesday gathering of OMs at The Royal Oak. Over 50 OMs, including one ex-Head Master, have now made the journey to Chipperfield. With the Royal Oakers, I also travelled to The Queen's Head in Newton to visit our new President.

At Clive Mence's invitation, Sarah and I with David Rodda and Mike Peterson joined him for a cruise in the Solent on Chaika, the last of the yachts of the OM Yacht Club. Sarah had sailed a lot on the first of our yachts, Winnie, which was gifted to the Club by her family in 1959. Her father, Stanley Farrow, was President in our Centenary year, 1978.

Fulfilling an arrangement agreed at the Dinner in Melbourne, I met our Australian representative David Stannard and his father, Gordon, at the School. We had meetings with the Head Master and the Club Officers. Tim Corbett gave us a tour and we enjoyed lunch in the Dining Room.

I visited David Petrie at his home in Wiltshire. As the organiser of many OM Dinners, I wanted his know-how for this year's Annual Dinner. The visit was especially valuable because David gave me a detailed account of this year's final reunion of the St. Bees Association in Cumbria.

And so my year ended at the IOD in October when I was delighted to induct David Short as my successor. May I thank everyone for their support and company and hospitality during my year.

ALAN TOULSON

THE NEW PRESIDENT DAVID M.V. SHORT 1951-1955

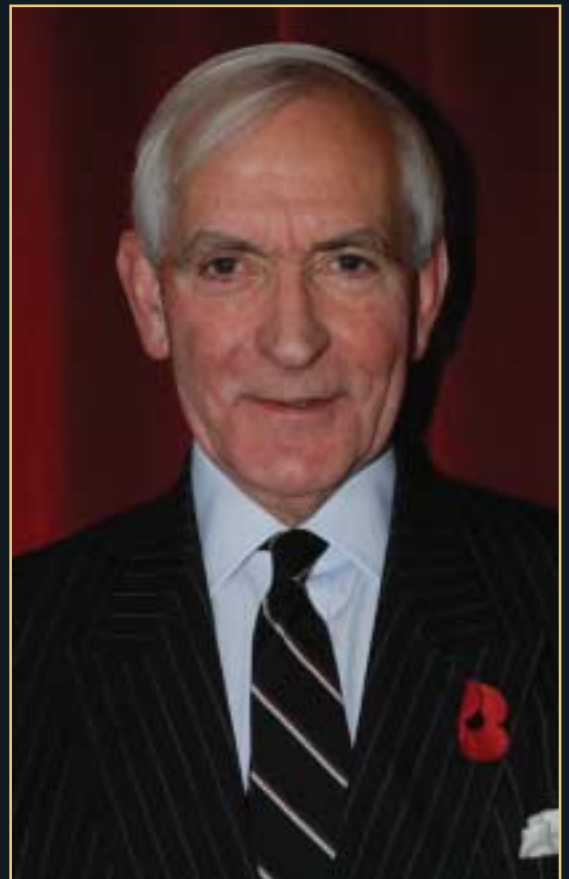
David Short was born on the Wirral, Cheshire in 1938. From 1943 until 1947 he attended Birkenhead Preparatory School, before moving with his family to Edgware in North London. He then went to Belmont, spending four very happy years there, particularly enjoying history, music and art.

In 1951 he went on to Mill Hill and was in Murray, at that time the only Day Boy House. In fact "House" was a rather grand term for the two small, dark and dingy rooms situated in the semi-basement under the Marnham Block. However, after two years a new home was found for Murray in the old shooting range and it became a real House at last. Not being a particularly sporty boy, he did however very much enjoy squash and tennis and in his last year, hockey. He also became a Queen's Scout.

After leaving school he was articled to a firm of Chartered Accountants in London, but didn't really enjoy the work, and after failing the Intermediate exam realised that accountancy was not for him. However that early training proved invaluable when in 1962 he became a partner with his father in restoring and running a seventeenth century pub outside Cambridge. The running of the Queen's Head Newton (named after Anne of Cleves) proved to be so enjoyable that he is still there, happily now in partnership with his younger son Robert.

In 1968 he married Juliet Waters and has two sons, Charles and Robert. In 1975, following family tradition, he joined the Worshipful Company of Farriers, and became Master for the year 2005-2006. In 1989 he and Juliet became the Cambridgeshire Representatives of the National Art-Collections Fund, a position they held for fourteen years. He is also the Trustee of various charities and is active in several local organisations. In 2004 he became Chairman of the Old Belmontians, a position he still holds.

David is very much looking forward to his year as President, and is hoping to visit and make contact with as many Old Millhillians as possible. He is particularly interested in encouraging the old links between the City of London and the school and indeed forging new ones.





Nobis et Scholae

It is a great pleasure to contribute to the fiftieth edition of Martlet, an occasion which represents another milestone in the history of the Club and thus of the School.

Of course, Mill Hill has changed in many ways since the first edition of Martlet was published. We are now a fully co-education School, and proud to be one. That pride stems partly from the enormous contribution that our girls make to our musical, dramatic and sporting life (notably through our highly successful hockey, rounders, netball and tennis teams). The academic successes of our girls have also been a key factor in the blossoming of the School's intellectual life which has been such a feature of the past few years (2009 again saw outstanding results at GCSE, AS and A level, building on the very significant improvements seen in 2008). Above all, the girls have brought an important new dimension to the School community, further adding to the diversity that makes Mill Hill the rich and vibrant place it is.

There have been many other changes in recent years. The estate has continued to evolve, the Favell building adding a further element of architectural distinction to the Quad, whilst many of our distinguished older buildings, such as School House and the McClure Music School, have been fittingly

restored to their former glory. Information Technology has become a much greater feature of the operational life of the School, as well as helping to change the way in which teachers teach and pupils learn. New activities have found a place within the School's extra-curricular programme, ranging from golf lessons with our resident professional to involvement in our partnership projects in Tamil Nadu and Nicaragua. And, of course, the School is bigger now, with just under 700 pupils, reflecting the very real popularity which we enjoy among parents.

Yet if much has changed in the years since Martlet first appeared, many things have stayed the same. Indeed, I like to think that it is the most important and fundamental aspects of the School that have been preserved. The house system (and the outstanding pastoral care which stems from it), our mixture of day and boarding pupils and our profound belief in the benefits of a broad and balanced education all remain intact, and perhaps even stronger than ever. We have also maintained the School's record of success in its most traditional endeavours. The unbeaten season enjoyed by our 1st XV was a marvellous

achievement and a reminder, if one were needed, of the School's glorious rugby heritage. The nine straight wins enjoyed by this year's 1st XI cricketers and our success in fives, hockey, athletics and other sports also served to highlight the maintenance of the high standards that have made Mill Hill sport famous across the decades. Music and drama have continued to flourish and the current officers, cadets and NCOs of the CCF have preserved and built upon the high standards of their predecessors. Above all, we have continued our proudest traditions, something seen recently in this year's poignant and moving Call to Remembrance when the entire School community processed through the Gate of Honour in a silent and dignified tribute to the many Old Millhillians who gave their lives so that we might enjoy ours in peace and freedom.

I hope to have the good fortune to contribute to many more editions of Martlet and thus to keep members of the Club abreast of all the many wonderful things that our pupils and our School achieve.

DOMINIC LUCKETT



Foundation Appeal
Secondary students association
of Mill Hill School and Old Mill Hill

In Arboribus Non Crescit *("it doesn't grow on trees")* The fundraiser's motto

The belief that once a fundraiser has been appointed there is nothing more for anyone else to do except sit back and wait for the money to come rolling in, just isn't true.

Fundraising in schools generally and Mill Hill specifically is not new. In the early 1820s Old Boy Life Governors were each asked for £15 (perhaps £12,500 today) comparing average earnings) and through their efforts raised the funds to complete the main School building in 1826. "McClure of Mill Hill" says that 1907 "saw the acknowledgement of funds for new buildings so generously given by Mr Herbert Marnham and Lord Winterstoke" and "an appeal for funds, primarily for the purposes of expansion, such as buildings, but with an urgent call for Entrance Scholarships." At the Sesquicentennial in 1957 the appeal was for the Art School, in 1968 for the Bill Ramsay Fund and Dent and in 1977-8 for a covered pool at Belmont when the Appeal Chairman was Stanley Farrow, Club President in its Centenary year. In the 80s campaigns were led by Club Presidents for the Sports Hall, Music School extension and astroturf for Fishing Net. Professional fundraising consultancies were sometimes employed.

So fundraising has a long history but the style has changed. The examples quoted here were typical: "appeals", each had a specific target and last for a fixed (and short) time. They were very intense and involved Old Millhillians being tackled (sometimes more than once) to give immediately. By the 1990s this was changing and schools here began to follow the universities by adopting the American model of establishing development offices with full time staff and long-term strategies. These strategies are built on friend-raising

and communications, seeking to encourage and facilitate regular giving. They typically have a menu from which a potential donor can choose and a comprehensive selection of ways in which he or she can give: one-offs or regular, by cheque credit card or online. Pledges count and legacies can be left. In short there is much greater flexibility, less hard-selling and fewer short-term big targets.

This is the route the Mill Hill School Foundation has adopted now with its constantly evolving database of friends. This database is used by the Club, enabling it to reach members and potential members either en bloc or in selected targeted segments as required; Club membership has benefitted from this. The presence of the Club's President and Chairman on the Appeal Board symbolises the continued close ties between fundraising and Old Millhillians. Despite the economic crisis 2009 saw a small increase in Appeal income on 2008. School House and Murray House have been refurbished and all the Annual Fund projects for 2008/9 were completed thanks to Appeal money; eight pupils in the Foundation benefit from Appeal funded bursaries. Many Old Millhillians have contributed; hopefully more will feel able to contribute in the future to those broad goals of People and Places.

Congratulations to Martlet, which has proved its staying power over its first 50 issues; let's look forward to the next 50. Martlet is established and flourishing and here for the long term; so is fundraising at the Mill Hill School Foundation.

NICK PRIESTNALL

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St. Bees Old Millhillians Association

Following the 50th anniversary celebrations at St. Bees last October, it is proposed to form an Association of all Old Millhillians who spent one term or more of their school days at St. Bees.

The principal objects of the Association will be to enable St. Bees Old Millhillians to maintain contact with each other, to arrange further reunions if appropriate, and to maintain an interest in the welfare of St. Bees village and St. Bees School.

All St. Bees Old Millhillians will be formally circulated with details in due course.

C.D.L. Smith

David Smith, in his usual modest way, says that this new Association will prevent him from boring the rest of us with St. Bees Old Millhillians activities. I am sure that I am speaking for us all in saying that we wish to be kept up to date in the Newsletter and the Magazine, and that we wish the new Association every success.

Editor.

COINCIDENCE CORNER

I am still recovering from a terrible nightmare. I woke from a deep slumber on the Ramcote to Easton service to find the Editor of Martlet leaning down on me OUTSIDE the window. My scream was stifled by the train moving off and leaving him in the swirling mist.

Much chastened by this experience, I immediately wrote off to the Club and enclosed my cheque for 2 tickets to the Annual Dinner, I being one of those members who said that they would not attend until I could bring my wife!

Subsequently we have met on the train several times, as John also has clients in Cheshire.

Clive Mence (53-57)

facebook

The Club has a facebook page which you can join, type in 'Old Millhillians Club' in the search box. We will soon begin to advertise events and information on the Facebook site so please take a look.

There are approximately 130 fans already registered.

We are looking for an OM volunteer to manage the Facebook page so please get in touch with Shalaka in the Club office if you can help in any way.



Edward Winfield Digs it 26th September

Throughout July of this summer, I was able to take part in an archaeological dig at Capena, Italy.

This summer was the third season for this dig, and was, I am told, the most successful to date. The site we were working on was a hill-top settlement dating as far back as the 8th century BC, and continuing to be lived in until the early medieval period. We were able to extend both trenches that had been started the previous two years, and in both we made some interesting and significant finds. I worked for the most part in trench A (pictured), located slightly below B on the slope of the ridge which was the Etruscan and Roman settlement. At first we came across several medieval shepherds' walls, loosely constructed and reusing various Roman pieces of stone, mortar, etc., including a marble spout with a lion's head (pictured) and half of a marble bowl.

We dug deeper and discovered Roman structures, including a well preserved pavement (pictured), a cut and fill with some kind of industrial activity present (as proven by the very dark nature of the context, suggesting burning at high temperatures), and a well (pictured) – at the bottom of the latter the toe of an amphora was discovered, possibly containing remnants of cereal. Meanwhile, in trench B, a complex system of structures was uncovered, (timidly suggested as from a bath-house,

which we hope to prove or refute next year) probably dating from the late Empire, demonstrating that the site was in use later than is generally believed. Other notable finds were 3 coins, of which one, a gold coin of the late Republic, was very well preserved, visibly showing a figure of Roma on one side.

We worked Monday-Saturday, from 8.30am-7pm, including a 4 hour break for lunch and siesta, because of the extremely hot weather! At the weekends we were able to go on afternoon or day trips to local sites, such as the famous cathedral of Orvieto and the UNESCO world heritage site of the Etruscan painted tombs at Tarquinia. The advantage of being with various experts in the history of the area was that they were able to give us far better guided tours of some sites than the locals would have done!

I would like to thank the Old Millhillians once more for providing the funding which allowed me to take part in this excavation – I believe it has not only helped to further my studies in Classics, but also augmented, at least by some amount, our knowledge of the history of central Italy, particularly during the Etruscan and late Roman periods. It was, too, an experience which I enjoyed immensely.



IS FIVE BROTHERS A RECORD?

All five of the Hopkins brothers, who are at MCHB over the period 1912-1913, are now members of the Club. The first of them was T. J. Hopkins (1884) who has been known to be awarded five consecutive honours, and selected for the Australian eleven. Who ever is highest to have all five honours will be at last.



Simon Bunyard (left) and Greg Bruh

Old Millhillians Summit Mont Blanc

At almost 5000 metres Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Europe and a peak that presents the stiffest of challenges; to climb it was certainly a novel way to celebrate a 30th birthday!

Three Old Millhillians, namely myself, Simon Bunyard (93-98), birthday boy, Oliver Bruh (93-98) and his brother Greg (91-96) took up the challenge but in typically Old Millhillian fashion none of us had done any specific training. Greg had climbed Kilimanjaro and knew about altitude sickness but time constraints meant that we had little time to get used to the altitude. We had taken advice from a ski guide but we learned only later that some climbers lose their lives each year, and we were unaware just how technical was the climb. Without any doubt the saying 'ignorance is bliss' was absolutely true.

On the morning of the 11th September we met our two Italian guides. Luckily the weather was perfect and confidence was high. Only when we alighted from the mountain train did we realise that we had to scale a vertical mile to achieve our goal and our kit already seemed

very heavy. The first three or so hours were quite pleasant; the sun was out and we were to all intents and purposes walking up a mountain path, albeit a narrow one with a drop to one side. There was plenty of banter but ahead of us lay our refuge hut for the night and there was no easy path: so began our first serious climb. Roped to our guides we scaled a steep face; the vast majority of the climb required four points of contact and this, coupled with the forty litre packs and loose rocks, made great demands on us.

At about four in the afternoon we made our home for the next 12 hours at the refuge, essentially a youth hostel. Our bedroom slept forty, with bunkbeds squeezed together. I found myself between two Bruhs, whilst Greg was unfortunate enough to land up next to a snoring Frenchman! The entire room smelt horrific, with no showers and only the

sound of snoring and other less pleasant accompaniments filling the night.

At 3am we awoke, ate breakfast and prepared to climb. Roped to our guides, and with crampons on our boots and wielding ice-axes, we climbed in the pitch dark using only head torches to see; above us we could make out other climbers snaking their way to the summit. The ridge was in places frighteningly narrow with sheer drops on each side; I still have "Attention Jim" (nickname) ringing in my ears from the guide!

The last hour to the summit was extremely tough on my breathing. Although I did not have any sickness, there is no doubt the height we were at and the fact I had never exercised at this level took its toll. I think it is safe to say we all had to dig deep to keep going. We reached the summit at about 8am, confronted by the most spectacular views you could ever wish to see. For me it was an anticlimax as I expected a ticker tape parade and dancing girls: I thought that was the least we deserved. I think all Greg wanted was a lift down, whilst Oliver was as sprightly as ever and could have done it all again!

Heading down, our breathing eased and the sun rose spectacularly above the mountains; slowly the satisfaction that we had made it began creeping in. Hours behind a desk and a 'beach weights' programme, as opposed to running, began to take its toll on Greg but we all survived and reached our train by 4pm.

The experience was one that I will always remember. Celebrating my best mate's 30th birthday on top of Mont Blanc will be hard to beat, although plans for mine next year are already being considered!

Many thanks to the Old Millhillians Club for contributing to my trip. The cost of the climb and all the kit did not come cheaply and I am truly grateful for the donation.



Greg and Oliver Bruh



YOM's Christmas Drinks!

A sudden and unexpected snow storm in North London on the 21st December played havoc with the YOMs Christmas drinks, with the consequence that many were unable to get there. There was chaos on the roads and tubelines, yet some 25 or so intrepid OMs made it to the Hammers, most having made it on foot. What some will do for a free drink! There were three sets of siblings (Tom and Will Wright, Katie and Tom Anderson, and Stuart and James Ellen) and a broad spread of ages ranging from elder statesmen such as Ollie Sander and Duncan Beckman (who is about to train as a civil aviation pilot) to recent school leaver, Samantha Davis, fresh from her first term at Cambridge. A good time was had by all.



2010 European Weekend

Following the announcement in the previous edition of Martlet, this is being arranged for the weekend 21st-24th May in Berlin.

Christian Maisz and Kris Kleeman in Germany are organising an exciting agenda which includes a boat trip on the Spree River through the heart of Berlin with a meal on the Friday evening, a walking tour of the city on the Saturday and breakfast and a tour of the Reichstag on the Sunday morning. The usual weekend dinner will be organised for the Saturday evening. A group booking has been arranged in a central hotel. Details of other excursions which those attending can follow in smaller groups will be advised on arrival. All OMs in Europe are especially welcome to this event not only those living in England!

Please let David Rodda know your interest in going to Berlin by sending an email to David at chestnuts1832@btinternet.com and fuller details will be sent.

Auf wiederseh'n, David



EVENTS



New York Dinner 3rd October 2009

This year we had a better attendance than in years past for the USA dinner and OM President Alan Toulson flew out from the UK to join us and bring us up to date on MHS events.

Nick Priestnall also joined us from the UK and brought with him some interesting MHS photos showing many of us in our younger days and explained more about the Foundation Appeal. There were forty regrets from those OMs who could not attend, but the most interesting was from John Longden in Tallahassee, Florida who celebrates his 98th birthday on 5th November 2009 !

Attending OMs included Peter Armitage, Alan Bain, Brian Buckingham from Toronto, Mike Finlay, Fred Fischer, Henry Goldsmith, Donald Haigh, Nawwar Kasrawi & Christopher Phillips. Also we enjoyed the company of Heather Bain, Nancy Finlay, Faith Hesler & Karen Haigh, plus a few other guests who were welcomed for the evening's event.

Next year the North American OMs dinner is scheduled to be held in Toronto and one can always look forward to generous Canadian hospitality and OMs are encouraged to attend.

DONALD HAIGH

Young OMs go for Dinner up North

The OM's Northern Dinner held on Friday the 13th November 2009 was seen in with a typical generous drizzling of northern rain which failed to dampen our spirits for the evening ahead.

Having all liaised with Windsor Roberts through the medium of Facebook, an online event enabled us to communicate together and get back in touch. This year was the first time both Leeds and Manchester combined for the Northern Dinner and future dinners will alternate between the two cities each year.

The young Northern OM contingent comprised seven Leeds University Students and one from Manchester University. The majority of us have been in the North for 3/4 years, having left Mill Hill in 2006 but the youngest member was Charlie Ensor who is a Fresher this year, having just left Mill Hill in June 09. With all of us studying various degree courses from Maths to Medicine, Drama to Design, this is the first time we've been to such an event and we're all so glad we did.

Having assembled for pre dinner drinks at my house we made our way to the venue for the evening. As we walked up to the impressive building on Albion Place Leeds, rain pouring off our rarely used smart evening wear, our excitement and anticipation for the night's events grew. Stepping into the warm and inviting Club LS1 we made a beeline to the Bar where everyone was congregating. A beer or two down and hunger was setting in, however, unlike the usual ping of the microwave or pop of the toaster, dinner was signaled with the sharp strike of a Gavel and we proceeded into the dining room.

The evening was a great success and all of the YOM's had a great time. Even though a lot of us live near one another it is not always easy to meet

up and this dinner was a brilliant opportunity not only to meet the other OM's in the North but to also see our friends and a few familiar faces. In particular, it was great to see Jamie Monaghan who was my and two others' housemaster at Mill Hill. Catching up with him and hearing about the improvements in School House as well as the growth and development of the CCF was really pleasing to hear and we all enjoyed his presence at the dinner table although we did not envy his early departure the next morning to teach and referee Saturday Rugby in equally miserable weather. We also met the OMC's new President, David Short. He spent a considerable amount of time speaking with all of the YOM's and was very enthused to see us at the event. We look forward to seeing him at the next event.

The Headmaster's report on the school's successes was really encouraging and gave us an insight into the changes going on across the Foundation in the relatively short time since we have left. We all look forward to visiting the school in the near future to see these changes for ourselves.

On behalf of myself and my fellow YOM's in Leeds and Manchester we would like to pay special thanks to those who came up from North London and to Windsor Roberts for organising a great evening thoroughly enjoyed by all. We all look forward to the next event and hope to spread the word to other YOM's up north and increase the attendance for next years gathering.

MICHAEL BERWIN



Chit Chat

Overseas Congratulations to Martlet

Dear Martlet, Happy Birthday and congratulations on turning big Five O. The School mag comes just once per year but the glue, the network and the spirit that is our Club comes from Martlett. Without you, it is hard to see what our club communication would look like. Keep up the good work, "down under" we look forward to many more pages of OMs news around the world. Best wishes from your supporters in Australasia."

DAVID STANNARD – Australia

Congratulations to Martlet on it's 50th edition & greetings to Old Millhillians, both here in the Republic, the Home Country & other parts of the world from the small, recently formed association in Western Cape, South Africa. A lunchtime get together is planned for 8th January 2010 at our home in Darling near Cape Town for OMs, either resident or visiting the country at the time – possibly followers of the England cricket team currently on tour here – to welcome Nick Priestnall. My contact details are included in the 2009 Club Calendar for anyone interested.

JOHN PARROTT South Africa

George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust



From left to right: Bob Marshall Andrews, Tony Fitzjohn & Andy Mortimer

On the 6th Decemeber the George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust celebrated its 21st Anniversary at the Royal Geographical Society in Knightsbridge. Old Millhillian, Tony Fitzjohn OBE, who has with his wife, dedicated these years to establishing the Mkomazi Game reserve in Tanazania, was present at the celebrations. So also were 150 supporters, including Old Millhillian trustees, Andy Mortimer and Bob Marshall-Andrews MP. Good news was that Tony is also overseeing a project to re-establish a game reserve at Kora in northern Kenya where he originally worked with George Adamson. Congratulations to Georgina Mortimer for arranging such an excellent reception.

We have sadly learned of the death of two centurions who were associated with the Club and Mill Hill: Rupert Cherry who left in Collinson in 1926 died on the 8th December at the age of 100. Ada, the wife of the well known former School porter, Chief Steele, sadly died at the age of 102 on December 9th.

MARTLET



Many thanks to all those who sent in material for this edition of Martlet. We really do need your contributions, news, anecdotes, etc.

Modesty is no excuse!

John Cranwell writes to say that he has now finally retired from the book trade, selling his business Bookworld. Once he had an outstanding success with a sale of a mint Thomas Hardy's "A Pair of Blue Eyes"... Now he enjoys bridge and rotary in Oswestry and organises the local St George's Day lunch with David Franklin (Master 1959-1990),

We had a letter with lots of news from John Longdon, who lives in Tallahassee, Florida and celebrated his 98 birthday on 5th November. He became an American citizen in 1966 and has had a busy life in commerce and trading, travelling the world.

The Blockheads

If you remember fondly the days of punk and new wave music, then the chances are you'll also remember the Blockheads, once fronted by iconic musician Ian Dury. Even if you're too young to remember the punk/new wave era, you may have seen The Blockheads live or seen on T.V. But it's now time to celebrate because The Blockheads are back with a new album and tour, fronting Chaz Jankel (Scrutton 65-70) in the current-line up.

Felix Francis (1966-71) who now co-writes with his father, Dick Francis, are photographed at the launch of their third joint novel "Even Money" at Claridges in September with brother Merrick (63-68)m uncle Ewen Brenchley (44-49) and Katherine Whitehorn, daughter of 'the Baron', who was Housemaster of Collinson.



John Bush sent in this piece of doggerel, a parody of Lord Macaulay's poem written by the OM's rugger team, who were unbeaten before Christmas in the year of 1938. The hero is Roger Spong, who played fly-half for England with our other OM star, Wilf Sobey at scrum-half. The School was granted a two day half term holiday in honour of four OM interationals (the others were Peter Howard, captaining England, and Lawther, for Scotland).

Michael Philips Ordained

ON A BRILLIANTLY SUNNY DAY Bishop Kieran Conry of Arundel and Brighton ordained Michael Phillips (59-64) as a Deacon at the Catholic Church of St Edward the Confessor, Sutton Park.



Michael Phillips censing at Mass.

Michael, a former Army officer and now a museum curator, will be a Permanent Deacon. His wife Ingrid is Parish Secretary, so this is a real family commitment".

Michael & Ingrid Phillips, Bishop Kieran.



John Barsby (Master 1957-70), Emeritus Professor of Classics at the University of Otago, has been elected to a Fellowship of the New Zealand Academy of the Humanities (FNZAH). The fellowship is awarded 'in recognition of distinguished achievement in the humanities'. The NZAH is the NZ equivalent of the British Academy.

APOLOGY

We must apologise to Members who have rung the Club in Office hours, only to get the Answerphone. There have been quite a few judging by the number of "lots" recorded on the message tape.

Janet hasn't been skiving, she's been away learning how to use our new computer software package.

Please leave a message, she will always return your call.

Dinner in Japan



Ronnie Aye Maung and Roger Gardner had a very pleasant Dinner with Koji Shimizu (Ishizaka), Head of Collinson in 1997 and his wife, at the Tokyo American Club on the 3rd October.

Koji would be delighted to see any OMs visiting Japan in the future. Please contact the Club office for his contact details.

FAR EAST PICTURES



TAKEN IN SINGAPORE Picture taken by Fiona Tham.

Left to Right: Oliver Muhlstein, Alex Bell, Nick Priestnall and Borg Tham.



TAKEN IN KUALA LUMPER

Left to Right:

Aye Pe Kin
(Zafar Ali Khan)
and Saeed Chinoy.



TAKEN AT THE DINNER HELD IN HONG KONG

Held at Duetto's restaurant in Wanchai on 28th November.

Left to Right Standing: Steven Yat Chun Chan (and Iris), Peter Bolton, Sunny Leung, Kim Longley, Graham Harris, DAL, NJP

Left to Right Sitting: Mrs Sugimura, Mrs Steven Yat Chun Chan, Chiaki Sugimura, George Harris (Father of Graham, Grandfather of Rory currently in Ridgeway)

And now the cry is "Roger"
See he has broken clear
And he leaves with the ensary supine
And like old Bacchus without his vine
Hurls himself headlong on the line
Even the ranks of Tuscany
Can scarce forbear to cheer.

When Ramsey's in his coffin
And Gibbs is in his grave
And Christopher Cross Brown's moustache
Has lost its lovely wave,
How little miss Millhillians
As they suck their little thumbs
While their pro Millhillian mothers
Smack their small Millhillian bums.
Where 'ere men meet together
Still will the tale be told
Of how and why Spong scored that try
Minus his shorts and his Old School Tie
In the brave days of old.

Feel free to contact the Club Office with news and photos about your achievements, interesting stories and anecdotes!

Old Millhillians Day 2009

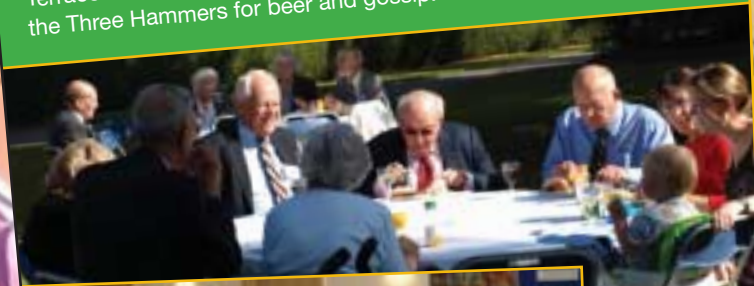
Late September often proves to be a time of glorious late summer sunshine and Old Millhillians Day on Saturday September 26 was no exception.

The event was again combined with the School's Foundation Day and many thanks to the Headmaster and the School providing such generous hospitality, including a magnificent spit-roast barbecue.

The day kicked off in the Favell building with a lively gathering of pre-1960 leavers (invited by the Friends) combined with a reunion of some who had been evacuated from Millhill to St Bees during the war; it would be good to see the links between the two schools continuing in some way. It was also a delight to see Jean Clarkson, who for so long was the administrative force behind the St Bees Association.

A goodly gathering of Old Millhillian guests was able to watch the School 1st XV triumph on Topfield, listen to the marching band and watch the Old Millhillian Hockey XI beat a team from Millhill Hockey Club 6-2. Many thanks to Jonathan Cuff, the new master in charge of hockey, for his help with this fixture. The Fives Club again enjoyed its traditional match with the School while the OM Rugby Club was less successful on the Park where it lost heavily in a league game.

As usual there was the opportunity for guests to view the School, which looked magnificent, and the day ended for most with tea on Top Terrace. However, a significant younger group of OM's finally retired to the Three Hammers for beer and gossip.





Annual Dinner 2009

The Nash Rooms at the Institute of Directors, 119 Pall Mall, was the venue chosen by Alan Toulson, our outgoing President, for the Club's Annual Dinner on Friday 16th October, 2009.

None of the previous dinners had been held there – well certainly not in recent times – and the elegant rooms provided a stylish and appropriate backdrop to the evening. The 150 diners who attended were well looked after and enjoyed an excellent meal, washed down by plenty of liquid refreshment.

The Headmaster, Dr Dominic Luckett, and his wife, Cara, as well as a number of staff and monitors from the School had been invited as guests of the Club. The Headmaster, before toasting the Club, delivered an upbeat report of the School's continuing successes as well as making some thoughtful comments about the political and economic challenges that lie ahead. Alan Toulson replied with a lively but brief report of his year of office, laced with typical moments of that delightful dry humour we have come to expect of him. He then inducted David Short as the new President for 2009-2010, presenting him with the Presidential chain, and David presented the Vice-President's badge to Mike Corby.

The evening was clearly enjoyed by all; thanks to Stephanie Gibbons for taking photographs during the evening with a level hand despite the excitement of getting engaged earlier in the evening. Congratulations to Stephanie Gibbons & Tom Kalber! Many thanks also and congratulations to Alan Toulson for his painstaking attention to detail and ensuring that the evening was such a great success.





SPORT



Colin Nunn
enjoys a glass

OMGs

Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Open Championship links course and the home of the Halford Hewitt, is the venue for the annual pilgrimage of OM golfers for their Autumn Meeting; it is normally held on the second weekend of September and in 2010 it will be Friday 9th-Sunday 11th.

Captain, Tim John, and our President



In recent years we have averaged 20 golfers with the usual mixture of ages and handicaps although we would like to see more OMs who have recently left school.

This year the Members of Parliament Cup was won by Jeremy Galloway and Peter Tafler, the Northern Cup by Isaac Nyamekye and the Vero trophy by Frank Ward. The weather was superb, the course in pristine condition and the company excellent.

On Friday December 4 the golf society held its Annual dinner, returning this year to the traditional venue of the Army and Navy Club in St James, after last year's prestigious Centenary dinner at Lords. Following a brisk AGM, some 60 OM golfers enjoyed an excellent meal in convivial surrounding and many thanks to our ever efficient secretary, Colin Nunn. Tim John, Captain, presided and a very amusing speech was made by guest speaker, Old Alleynian, Nick Owen. Graham Dean and Bob Rudd were presented with the foursome trophies while Tim Corbett, who had managed to scrape home against William Maunder-Taylor on the 19th at Arkley, was presented with the singles salver.

JOHN HAWKINS

FOURSOME FINALISTS

Geoffrey Vero, Mark Sellers,
Bob Rudd and Graham Dean



"Rugby is a nasty, nasty sport which wastes the soul and bodies of the players... businessmen who make fortunes have started an entire children to participate in this brutal game. Like any other spectacle which encourages cruelty, rugby is particularly advertised by the reactionaries, true servants of the warmongers."



TOTTERIDGE MILLHILLIANS CC SEASON 2009



Stewart Wernham

TMCC enjoyed mixed success in 2009 in the Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket League. The 1st XI narrowly missed out on promotion finishing the season in 3rd place. Skipper Sean O'Brien, Aussie Chris Mason and former England off spinner Peter Such were all pivotal in the side's success. Mason and O'Brien both averaged about 44 with the bat. Such finished with 49 wickets, with best figures of 6 for 27. We wish Peter great success in his new role as England bowling coach.

The 2s finished 6th, 3s 8th and 4s 15th in their respective leagues'. Notable performances were put in over the season by Hilton Nathanson with the bat, and James Hutcheson with the ball. The colts' section saw

large numbers netting. The Ladies' team also had some good wins. TMCC put in a rather lacklustre performance against the School 1st XI in the annual fixture. The School ran out convincing winners with some excellent, confident batting.

Sussex Tour was once again a great success with good numbers both on and off the field. This year we celebrated at least 30 years [no one was quite sure when the first match took place] of playing the Preston Nomads, organised by Paddy and OM, Patrick Nolan. Although the rains came early and the match was abandoned, it meant more time to catch up with friends at the excellent BBQ laid on by our hosts. The entertainment from the four talented sopranos, Passionata, was only just eclipsed by Paddy Nolan's rendition of 'Danny Boy'!

The annual firework display attracted about 1500, despite the grim weather, and is well worth seeing.

All OMs are welcome to visit the club, which has an excellent bar, open throughout the year. Details of fixtures and how to contact the club may be found on the website totteridgemillhillians.com. Cricketers of all standards are welcome.



OM'S Rugby

The season got off to a fantastic start with a wonderful formal dinner in central London organised by Noyan Nihat.



The evening was well represented by a wide cross section of ages from the club. Notable guests were Alan Toulson (OMC President), Martyn Thomas (Chairman of RFU Management Board), John Owen (President of RFU) and John Gunner (President of Middx RFU). As usual the School 1st XV Captain (Charlie O'Shea) and Vice Cpt (Kachi Nwokenna) were guests; our Chairman wished them every success after the outstanding unbeaten record last season. The speeches were well received, Tim Dingle filling the 'comedy slot' and all had a great time.

During the summer there was some excellent training undertaken at the school and there was a well attended trials game at the start of September. The 1st's continued in the league and had a tough start to the season with some narrow losses and some heavier defeats. However things were coming together in the side and the sense of a win was in the air. Against local rivals Mill Hill rugby Club the 1st's recorded their first win of the season in a close match. Barry Murphy's two tries were the difference between the sides and a well fought victory was achieved. The 1st's won their second game against Uxbridge, another club near the foot of the table. With a few returnees from injury the 1st's are looking forward to a positive second half of the season. Another win this week puts us in the middle of the league table.

The 2nd XV entered the merit table following a successful return to fixtures last year where Gideon Felton must be commended for all he has done is revitalizing this part of the club. This success is feeding through into the 1st's and there is a strong sense of the club getting back on its feet with two regular sides out each Saturday. The 2nd's have won three and drawn one of their eight games so far and sit in the middle of their merit table. There is a strong feeling of club pride within the seconds and a growing collection of squad members who are putting in some good performances. These players are also feeding through into the 1st's which will be the lifeline of the club for the future including some recent leavers from the school. It is great to see an influx of young OM's into the club following stronger ties being developed with the School.

On November 21st Ben Nash organised a Vets game against Old Merchant Taylor's Vets, one of the oldest fixtures in rugby union dating back to the 19th Century. There was an excellent turn out from some recent OM's legends. The game was played in excellent spirit and there were some great moments particularly from the backs with a great try from the kick off in the second half. There will hopefully be more fixtures to come from the vets at Christmas and then again in April.

The club is moving in the right direction and many thanks must be given to all those people who are keen to strengthen the position of the club. Thanks to Scotty the coach, Kieran Walsh the 1st XV captain, Ben Nash and Gideon Felton on the playing side; and also Doc Webster and Noyan Nihat for their efforts with the committee. There are many others working hard to push the club forward and there is a great atmosphere at Headstone Lane on a Saturday when the sides are at home.

Obituaries

John Edward Williams

'Johnny Williams', Old Millhillian, who died in October was an outstanding international rugby scrum-half.

He came to Mill Hill in September 1945 when the school returned from its evacuation to St Bees and he entered Burton Bank. After being an illustrious player at School, he played for the Old Millhillians.

His exceptional talent immediately caught the eyes of the Middlesex selectors and he was soon playing regularly for the county, a position he held for himself for twelve seasons until business took him to Manchester.

In addition to playing regularly for London Counties and the Barbarians John gained the first of his nine England Caps in April 1954 against France. In 1955 he was selected for the British Lions tour to South Africa. John captained the Old Millhillians in 1960/61 but in 1963 with the total goodwill of the club joined the Harlequins.

However, in 1964 Johnny, as he had then been called for several years, moved to Manchester, joined Sale and was immediately selected for Cheshire. So well was he playing that after a gap of nine years he was recalled to the England XV in 1965 at the age of 34. Unfortunately, the match was against Wales at the Arms Park, played on a quagmire and in a continual deluge. John was playing behind a heavily defeated England pack and as he sometimes dryly remarked afterwards "It was not my day".

A full version of this moving tribute by Jim Roberts can be found...on the Club website.



Colonel Keith Calder (BB 45-49)

In 1945, the year that Mill Hill returned from its wartime St Bee's exile, Keith Calder joined the new Burton Bank intake.

Life was hard in those days for the mixed bag of Prep School and Middlesex Scheme boys, but Keith prospered and in a letter written to Ronnie Aye Maung (BB, 1945-50) just before he died, he says "I look back with nostalgia at my time with

the GC, I was something of a late developer, not really getting into rugby and squash until I was at University". This did not prevent him from playing like a demon in the House Rugby Shield competition and getting enthusiastically involved in a number of house and school activities.

Keith left the GC after four years in BB for a place at the then Sunderland (Durham) University Dental School. There he found he had an interest in and later excelled at, anatomy and even contemplated further studies. After qualification Keith undertook to further his postgraduate education with various posts within the hospital service in Huddersfield, Cambridge, Bognor Regis and in Middlesbrough. He then established himself as a highly experienced practitioner at his own dental practice in Darlington. He married his wife, Helen, in 1955.

He joined the Territorial Army in Durham on obtaining his commission as a dental officer in 1960 and served in Belgium, Germany, Cyprus and in Northern Ireland. During his service he was awarded the Territorial Decoration and bar and was promoted Lieutenant Colonel in 1978 to command 223 Field Ambulance. To his great credit he obtained the highest rank open to a specialist and Territorial Officer when selected to be a full Colonel in 1983 and asked to take charge

of 201 Field Hospital in Newcastle. On his retirement from the TA in 1986 he was rewarded for his long commitment to the Reserves by selection as a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Durham. His duties required him to represent HM The Queen at Remembrance Day parades in Co. Durham and he performed many other formal and social duties to within a few weeks of his death. He had to retire aged 58 years from his dental practice due to a work associated asthma and although sad to relinquish his professional skills he was able to spend more time fishing in the Spring and Summer and then Shooting in the Autumn and Winter. He and the author tried to obtain interest in an OMs Country Sports section but to his amazement he had no replies to his offers to take people fishing for trout or salmon on his beloved River Tees.

He was an intrepid traveller and he and Helen made light of long self planned journeys through India, Afghanistan and China. Apart from a bout of pneumonia in Hong Kong he admitted to no other ill effects from his far reaching off the tourist track travels, despite at times being surrounded by armed tribesmen.

Unfortunately Helen became ill about 1999 and Keith looked after her assiduously for many years during her long illness. She died just a few months before him in 2008. Keith knew of his own diagnosis of cancer and all who knew him were in awe of his courage, frankness and dignified acceptance of his fate. He just kept going to the last, joked and laughed when he could and never complained in adversity. Ever courteous, he will be missed by those of privileged to have known him.

He leaves his two children, his daughter Mrs Fiona Norton and his son Rev. David Calder, six grandchildren and his friend and companion Gill.

(This is an abbreviated obituary of a fuller version which appears on the Old Millhillian website. The obituary, written by Hugh Cannell and Ronnie Aye Maung, was unfortunately left out of the School magazine)

Alford House



Artist's sketch of the the New Alford House reconstruction

In this auspicious 50th edition of Martlet, it is, perhaps, also worth mentioning that Alford House Club is quietly celebrating the 125th anniversary of its foundation in 1884 by Frank Briant, who was later to become the Liberal MP for Vauxhall. Briant's friends in the Old Millhillians Club took over the management of the club in 1934, after his death, so it is also the 75th anniversary of the Old Millhillians commitment to the young people of Lambeth.

The club is currently at the beginning of it's first phase of redevelopment and it has been decided to carry out the work in a planned series of elements that can be achieved as and when funding becomes available. A bid was submitted in

June 2009 to the National Lottery Young Peoples' Fund to fund the building of a fitness suite using some of the car park space. This is a one story build, ensuring full disabled access, but it is within the existing scheme and allows us to state that building has started. I am pleased to report that the bid was successful so we started the construction in October this year, which has triggered our planning permission. The Estates & Redevelopment Sub-Committee, led by Nigel Baker and Graham Chase, has continued to meet and two documents, the Summary Business Plan and the Case for Support, have been completed. Next year these will be the basis for our fund raising activities and approaches to charitable trusts, to enable the next elements of the build to begin.

The club is still as busy as ever and over the summer months our Under 14 and Over 16 age group six-a-side cricket teams won their respective London Youth competitions, with the finals once again being held in the grounds of Arundel Castle. For the first time our Under 14 team included female cricketers. Twelve club members also attended an outdoor pursuits weekend at Hindleap Warren in Ashdown Forest. Otherwise,

football, table tennis, roller hockey, the computer room and the music studio remain popular attractions in the club. Dulwich Picture Gallery will return to Alford House to run art work shops from January to March 2010.

In terms of participation, seven young people are undergoing selection and recruitment training in order to take part in the recruitment of new staff for the fitness suite/studio. They are also being consulted on the final design of the studio and the equipment to be installed in it. The Members Fund has purchased camping equipment for use by club members, on a loan basis, and has also donated £200 to The Kennington Association's Christmas Project to provide food hampers to poor families in the area.

Membership remains buoyant and the recent introduction of an electronic database system, which monitors performance, attendance and registration, indicates that we have an estimated membership of around 300 young people. I would like to thank, as ever, the Club Manager, Tim Saunders, and all his staff for their continuing efforts and the Alford House Governors and the Old Millhillians Club for their support.

ANDREW WELCH (75-80)



Looking back at the member's landmark expedition to New York last April

MERCHANDISE

Merchandise can be purchased from the Club office in Mill Hill and it is possible to place an order and pay by credit card over the telephone for despatch by post. All prices are exclusive of postage costs.

Benson & Clegg also stock OM merchandise at their shop in 9 Piccadilly Arcade, London SW1Y 6NH.

There are many items that make excellent gifts for OMs and the merchandise is of a high quality and very reasonably priced.

There are two types of OM designs - 'Country' is broad silver and chocolate brown stripes. 'Town' is predominantly black with a thin brown and white stripe.

Please let Shalaka know of any items you would be interested in ordering. We are always eager to hear from OMs with new ideas for merchandise. At the moment we are considering stocking pens, men's polo shirts and superior quality cuff links.



OMC Decanter set

Engraved with crest.

Decanter 130mm high and 2 dram glasses made from Burns Crystal in dark green presentation box.

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£36



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By popular demand, we are re-ordering high quality Golfing umbrellas, similar to the photo here.

PRICE
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written by Chris Sutcliffe £5.00

PRICE
£5.00

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written by Chris Sutcliffe

PRICE
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Crystal Tankard

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PRICE

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Blazer Buttons

An addition to our stock is gold plated (?)
blazer buttons. They come in sets of 4
large buttons with 6 small or 6 large and
8 small. They make a stylish and tasteful
adornment to any blazer.

PRICE

Small Set £49.00
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Cufflinks

OMC enamelled, crested
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presentation box.

Very popular item!

PRICE
£10.00



Wooden OMC Crested Shield

with Club 'Non Nobis Sed Scholae' 180mm high.

PRICE
£29.00

Hatbands Country Design

Can be attached to any panama style hat.

PRICE £2.50

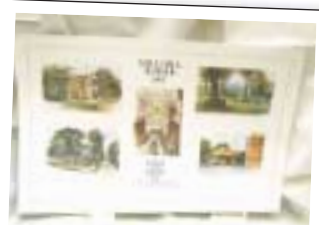


Weymouth Tie

Chocolate brown/blue
stripe.

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Mill Hill School Print

Encompassing water coloured
pictures of key sites from the School.

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£10.00



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Mill Hill Achievers

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- Election of Governors to the Foundation Court of Governors
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BEN NASH

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

12 March *Scottish Dinner, Edinburgh*

10 April *OMRFC VP Reunion Luncheon*

22 April *Property Dinner*

5 May *Liverymens Luncheon*

14 May *Cambridge Dinner*

21 May *Engineers and Scientists Dinner*

21-24 May *European weekend in Berlin*

10 June *City Dinner*

11-13 June *Australian weekend*

23 June *AGM & Cocktail Party*